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SUBJECT: NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY ADHERENCE

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1. IT HAS TAKEN SOME TIME TO DETERMINE WHY MALAWI HAS NOT ADHERED TO THE NPT, SINCE GOM OFFICIALS ARE RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS A POLICY MATTER WITHOUT HAVING REFERRED THE MATTER TO PRESIDENT BANDA. WE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE WHY MALAWI HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY ADHERED TO THE NPT AND IT WAS THEREFORE NOT POSSIBLE TO ASSESS SITUATION WITHOUT INFORMAL DISCUSSION. CONVERSATIONS WITH TWO SENIOR MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE PERMANENT SECRETARY, LAST WEEK INDICATED THAT BANDA HAS NOT UNTIL NOW FELT THREATENED BY POTENTIAL PROLIFERATORS. HOWEVER, APPARENTLY ON BASIS OF MY ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE GOM POSITION, BANDA IS RETHINKING THE ISSUE, ACCORDING TO THOSE OFFICIALS. THEY SAY HE IS PRESUMABLY CONCERNED WITH SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

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2. BECAUSE OF STRONG BRITISH INFLUENCE IN MALAWI, A JOINT APPROACH WITH THE UK WOULD PROBABLY BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS TO BRING MALAWI TO THE SIGNING TABLE. UK HIGH COMMISSIONER IS FAIRLY CERTAIN THE BRITISH WOULD ACCEPT OUR APPROACH FOR A JOINT OR SIMULTANEOUS DEMARCHE. WE WOULD HAVE TO IMPRESS ON MALAWI THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF UN MEMBERS ARE ALREADY PARTIES TO THE NPT, THAT

THERE IS NO VALID REASON FOR NOT ADHERING AND THAT IT
WOULD BE BETTER TO MAKE THE NPT MORE EFFECTIVE NOW
RATHER THAN LATER, PARTICULARLY IN CONSIDERATION OF
THEIR OWN CONCERNS FOR SECURITY. ASSUME DEPARTMENT
WILL PROVIDE OTHER PERSUASIVE ARGUMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN
SUCCESSFUL IN ENCOURAGING OTHER COUNTRIES TO ADHERE.
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